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Propane Watch

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Office of Oil & Gas

- Primary stockholders added a July record 10.1 million barrels (MMB) to U.S. inventories of propane last month. As of July 31, 2000, U.S. inventories of propane stood at an estimated 54.2 MMB, a level that remains near the lower limit of the normal range for this time of year.
- Regional stock builds continued strong last month with East Coast inventories gaining 1.2 MMB, while at the same time the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions added 4.3 MMB and 4.2 MMB, respectively. Regional inventories remain mixed with respect to the normal ranges. In the East Coast inventories moved slightly above the normal range last month, while in the Midwest inventories continued to lag significantly below the normal range for this time of year. Inventories in the Gulf Coast regions continued to track within the normal range during this same period.
- The past several months have witnessed surprisingly strong stock builds in all regions of the Nation, partially due to the strong level of production this year compared with last year. Through July 2000, the U.S. stockbuild totaled about 31 MMB, more than 17 percent above the average over the past 5 years.
- The next *Propane Watch*, which will include inventory data as of August 31, 2000, will be released at 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 2000.

Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	June 1999	July 1999	Month Ending				
			03/31/00	04/30/00	05/31/00	06/30/00	07/31/00
East Coast (PADD I)	3,534	4,999	2,461	2,683	^R 3,378	^E 4,069	^E 5,302
Midwest (PADD II)	22,788	25,294	7,487	8,549	^R 11,518	^E 14,874	^E 19,148
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	22,430	24,760	11,510	13,273	^R 19,986	^E 23,561	^E 27,790
Total (PADD I-III)	48,752	55,053	21,458	24,505	^R 34,882	^E 42,504	^E 52,240
U.S. Total	50,512	57,114	22,707	25,799	^R 36,636	^E 44,077	^E 54,173

E=Estimated data.

R=Revised.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

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